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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500, for Greg Wong

SUBJECT: Stanislaus Council of Governments 2000/01 – 2002/03 FTIP Amendment No. 6
Resolution 00-20

Dear Mr. Morales:

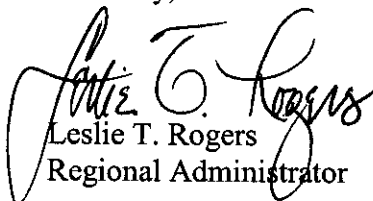
We have completed our review amendment number 6 of the Stanislaus Council of Governments s (StanCOG) 2000/01 – 2002/2003 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for inclusion into California's current Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This amendment was adopted by StanCOG through Resolution No. 00-20. We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 as revised by the Metropolitan Planning Rule issued October 28, 1993, and effective November 29, 1993.

We find that this TIP Amendment is based on a continuing, comprehensive, coordinated transportation process in accordance with the provisions of 23 USC 134 and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC app. §1607). StanCOG makes the finding of air quality conformity for Stanislaus County.

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP Amendments dated March 8, 1996.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of StanCOG's 2000/01-2002/03 TIP Amendment Number 6 into California's 2000/01 – 2002/03 FSTIP with the understanding that FTA funding approval of projects is subject to the grantees meeting the necessary administrative requirements. Our approval is based on Caltrans' assurance that the funding for these projects does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

Sincerely,


Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator